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-- B) USNATO 4859 (DTG 081708Z SEP 76)

1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM THAT WE APPRECIATE THEIR SHARING THEIR THOUGHTS ON RECENT VAN ELSLANDE-OREJA MEETING WITH US.

2. YOU SHOULD FURTHER INFORM THE BELGIANS THAT WE SENSE THAT NORWAY, DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS REMAIN OPPOSED TO SPANISH ACCESSION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE LESS INALTERABLY OPPOSED THAN IN THE PAST AND MAY BE AWAITING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN. YOU SHOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT BELGIUM MAY WISH TO EXPLORE THE MORE SPECIFIC ATTITUDES OF THESE ALLIES DIRECTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED OR PERHAPS WITH THEIR MISSIONS TO NATO.

3. AS REGARDS US INFORMATION ON SPAIN'S INTEREST IN NATO MEMBERSHIP, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT WE UNDERSTAND SPANISH LONG-RUN INTENTIONS TO BE GENERALLY AS STATED BY OREJA TO VAN ELSLANDE. KISSINGER

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